

IV. REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1 and 4-6 are amended, and new claim 7 is added. Claims 1-7 are presented for further consideration.

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-3 are allowed. Claim 4 is subject to a nonstatutory double patenting rejection. Claims 5 and 6 are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejection in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants have amended claim 4 of this application to correct the typographical error noted by the Examiner. In addition new claim 7, dependent on claim 4, is added to cover the attachment mechanism. Claims 5 and 6 are amended to be dependent from new claim 7, thereby providing an antecedent basis for the attachment mechanism.

Applicants submit the attached terminal disclaimer with respect to the subject matter of claim 4 to overcome the double patenting rejection based on U.S. Patent No. 6,382,944. In addition a Supplemental Information Disclosure Submittal is also attached specifying the art of record in the cited patent.

Applicants request approval of the drawing correction as indicated in red on the attached copy of figure 4.

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